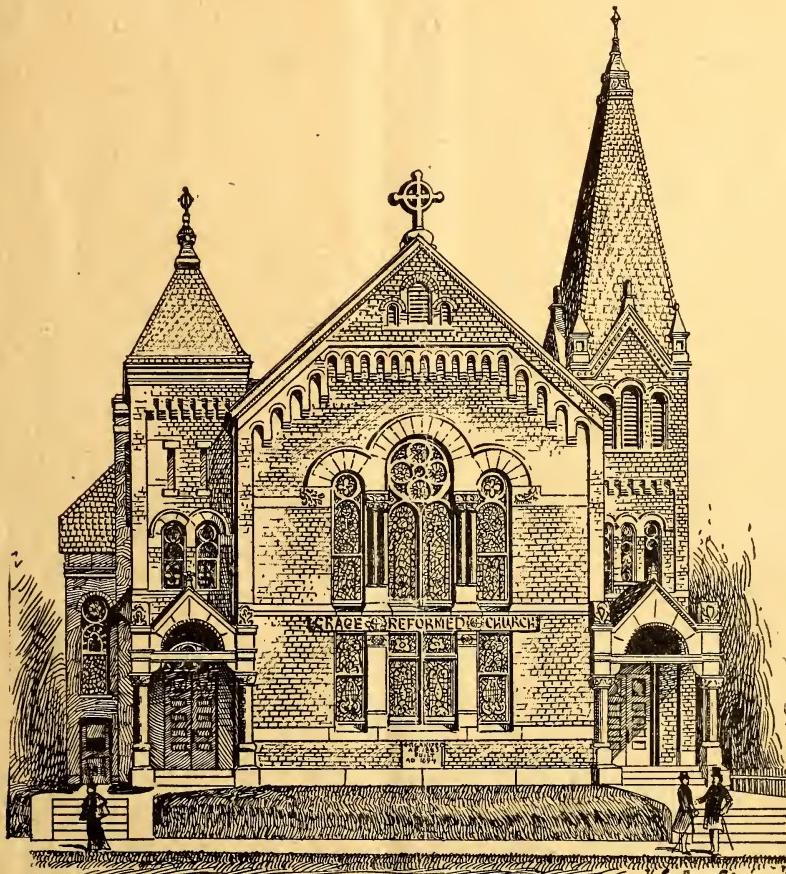


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DON'T forget the date of the young people's social, Thursday evening, April 1st, 1897.

OUR choir is rendering very fine selections at our Sabbath services. We are sure the church is pleased with the music.

RECENT visitors at the parsonage, Mrs. John C King, of Glenford, Ohio, an aunt of the pastor; Mrs. Stillman and daughter, Josephine, of Chicago, cousins of Mrs. Zartman.

HAVE you filled out your subscription card for the current expenses of the church for 1897? If not, do so at once. If you have no card ask the financial secretary, C. H. Gumper for one.

EASTER Sunday will come on April 18th. There will be services during the Easter season, and we hope to have a large number of accessions to the church during these services. Have you any friends in the city who have no church home? Will you not speak to them and invite them to come and make their home with us? The pastor will be glad to call on any families that may be suggested, and use his influence to win them to the Lord and for the church. Let every member of the church try to lead some friend to Christ during the Easter season.

## DEATHS.

Catherine Wingate residing at 294 East Creighton Ave., departed this life Sabbath evening, January 24th. This aged sister had been failing in health for more than a year past, but was not taken dangerously ill until a few days before her death. Saturday evening prior to her death the pastor was with her for a short time, we found her in great distress and fully conscious of her condition. She assured us that her "appointed time" had come, and that soon she would go home where there should be no more sickness and suffering. Sabbath afternoon when we called to see her she was sinking very rapidly, and unconscious most of the time. Those who witnessed her death informed us that she passed away very peacefully. Mrs. Wingate was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 14th, 1823. She was aged at her death, 73 years, 7 months and 10 days. February 16th, 1846, she was married to John Wingate. This union was blessed with two sons and two daughters. The husband and sons had preceded her to the eternal world. At the age of about fourteen years this sister made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and connected herself with the United Brethren church. For ten years past she had been a devoted member of the Grace Reformed church. Her one chief desire of heart was that she might always be found faithful in

the Master's service, and especially that she might enjoy the services in the Lord's house. We shall miss her very much from our services, as well as from our fellowship. She was humble and unassuming in her christian life, having a fixed confidence in the Lord, and an abiding hope of the life beyond. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 27th, at Hoagland, Ind., where the remains were laid away to their final repose. The pastor had charge of the services and preached from the text Heb. 9: 27. "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Mrs. Catherine Winters died at her home some twelve miles north-east of the city, Tuesday morning, January 26th, after an illness of only a few days. She was born in Germany, January 15th, 1824. She was aged 73 years and 11 days. She was one of the old residents of Allen county, and was highly respected by her friends and neighbors. We only had the opportunity of meeting her a very few times, but we found her a very pleasant and kind-hearted woman. She was married July 5th, 1849, to John Winters and was the mother of two sons and five daughters. The husband died September 14th, 1896. The sons and daughters all live to mourn the death of the mother. The remains were brought to the city to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman Tapp, on East Lewis street, where the funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, January 29th. In less than six months time the father and mother have both been called away from this home, thus bringing sorrow upon sorrow to the hearts of their friends. May they remember in their bereavement and affliction that the same Lord who sends death into our homes is also our kind and loving Father, who is both willing and able to comfort and strengthen his children in their day bereavement.

Andrew Koons died at his home, 212 Francis street, Monday, February 8th. He was born near Galion, Ohio, December 30th, 1837. Aged at his death, 59 years, 1 month and 8 days. Mr. Koons came to Fort Wayne in 1859. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F. of the 12th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He enlisted for one year, and at the close of his term of service he returned to the city and soon took a position on the Pennsylvania R. R. as brakeman. He was soon promoted to the position of a fireman, and in 1868 he was placed in charge of an engine on the same road, and this position he held until the time of his death. He was one of the most skilled, as well as one of the most reliable engineers in the employ of the company. For about twenty years he was running an engine for passenger trains, and during his term of service of twenty-nine years as engineer, he never had an accident and was never laid off for neglect of duty or mistake. The company's own statement in reference to Mr. Koon's skill and fidelity, was, that he had no superior. No man could be more devoted to his work than this brother. When on his run his whole life was bent upon taking his train safely through, and this was no doubt one of the secrets of his wonderful career as an engineer. And we believe we may safely say, he gave up his life for his work. He made his last trip on Wednesday night, January 27th. He took the fast train to Chicago at 4:30 p. m. and returned the following morning at :30. He was not feeling well when he went out, and when he came back he was almost frozen to death. Upon his return to his home he told his family he was sick and suffering intensely with pain in the base of his head and neck. A physician was called in, but there was seemingly no relief. The following morning he told his family he had made his last trip, and that he would not be with them much longer. The pastor was notified of

his illness a few days later. When we called to see him, he at once told us that he had no hope of recovering and that he was ready and willing to go at his Lord's calling. He told the pastor of his wishes concerning his funeral service, and the text of scripture which he had selected for the occasion, saying that Hymn No. 500 in the old Church Hymnal was based upon the text, and there we would find the Bible reference. We were shown a hymn book and found the hymn and text as he had directed. We could scarcely believe that the premonitions of our brother could possibly come true, but it only took one week's time to sadly verify them. A very severe attack of pneumonia developed, and every effort to save his life was in vain. His suffering was intense and continuous until only a short time before death came. Mr. Koons was not only willing to die, but also ready. He had no fear of death. He talked to the pastor very freely of his preparation for death and of his joy of heart in knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ was his Saviour, and that through him he had peace with God. At the age of sixteen he made a profession of faith in the Lord and was received into full membership with the Reformed church at Gallion, Ohio. In 1866 he became a member of Grace Reformed church. While not privileged to be at the services of the church very often, his heart was with the church and the Lord's people, and he was always found willing to do what he could for his Master. He was generous, kind-hearted and highly esteemed by all. No one knew "Andy Koons" but to love and respect him. March 18th, 1869, he was married to Miss Louisa Gertrude Dressler, of Fort Wayne. Four daughters and four sons were born to these parents. Mr. Koons was an affectionate and faithful husband and father. No where will he be missed as much as in the home. Two of the little ones had preceded the father to

the Heavenly home. The wife, three sons and three daughters, and two sisters remain to mourn this brother's death. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, February 11, from the church according to request. Never before was there such a large gathering of people in Grace church as upon this occasion. Every available seat in the main auditorium, gallery and lecture rooms was occupied, while many were standing where space could be found. The text selected, 2 Tim. 4: 6-8 was used as the basis of the pastor's sermon. At the close of the service the choir sang the hymn to which reference has already been made, and which we give below. Our prayer is that the Lord may comfort all these bereaved and sorrowing friends, and cheer their hearts with the assurance that in "some sweet day by and by they shall meet their loved ones again."

The hour of my departure 's come ;  
I hear the voice that calls me home ;  
Now, O my God ! let trouble cease,  
And let thy servant die in peace.

The race appointed I have run ;  
The combat 's o'er, the prize is won ;  
And now my witness is on high,  
And now my record 's in the sky.

Not in mine innocence I trust ;  
I bow before thee in the dust ;  
And through my Saviour's blood alone  
I look for mercy at thy throne.

I come, I come, at thy command ;  
I give my spirit to thy hand ;  
Stretch forth thine everlasting arms,  
And shield me in the last alarms.

MR. WILLIAM SMITH on Burgess street, has been ill a good part of the winter. We hope he may soon find relief from his sickness.

ELDER P. J. ARCHER has gone to the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., for treatment. We are glad to learn that his ailments are nothing particularly serious. A few weeks treatment and some much needed rest, and we are promised that he will come home all right again. Mrs. Archer is staying with him at the sanitarium.

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Mr. William Moore has had a protracted illness of pneumonia. Is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Arla Paschal has been confined to the house for a month past. She now hopes to be able to be out again in a few days.

Miss Anna Doermer has been having a visitation of the old patriarch's affliction. She has been suffering intensely with boils in her ears, also from an attack of sore throat.

Mrs. Geo. Saffen and children have all been on the sick list with lagrippe and chicken-pox.

Mrs. Wilkenings' boys are having a skirmish with colds and chicken-pox, and have been out of the Sabbath school for three or more Sabbaths.

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MR AND MRS. GEO. STEPHAN now reside at 99 East Washington street, only a few doors east of the church on the opposite side of the street. We are glad to welcome them into our part of the city, and have them so near to the church.

THE young people had such a pleasant time at their "Valentine Social" that they have decided to have another entertainment and social Thursday evening, April 1st. They will serve ice cream and cake for refreshments. There will no doubt be a number of surprises. Tickets ten cents.

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OUR Sabbath school has been having a good attendance during the past month considering the amount of sickness there has been and the bad weather. With returning spring and pleasant weather, we expect a large increase in the enrolment and attendance.

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NEARLY all our families have had more or less sickness since the holidays. It has been impossible for the pastor to keep track of and visit all the sick in the church. He was out every day in the cold and storm until finally he could go no longer, and was compelled to stay indoors until he could recover from a severe cold, and a threatened attack of pneumonia.

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TUESDAY evening, February 8th, Mrs. Jacob Rudisill gave a Missionary Tea at her home three miles north of the city. Sixty or more of the members and friends of the church went out and took their supper and also enjoyed the fine sleigh-ride. The supper was splendid. Every one had a good time and came home happy. The net receipts of the tea amounted to \$14.00.

**THE AID SOCIETY.**

The following ladies constitute the executive committee of the Aid Society for the ensuing year: Mrs. James Vining, Mrs. George Soliday, Mrs. George Hesserd.

The membership of the church has been divided into three divisions. These will give socials in their regular order, beginning with division No 1.

The divisions are as follows:

No. 1.—Mesdames J. Vining, C. C. Gumper, S. Dukeman, D. Henderson, H. Kessler, A. Barbier, W. Cutler, D. Wal-

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The Executive Committee desires that each member of the church may preserve a copy of the above for future reference.

AT the Sabbath morning service, February 14th, the following persons were received into membership with Grace church by confirmation: Mrs. H. Stoll, Mrs. G. W. McKee, Miss Sarah Murbach and Miss Barbara Murbach. At the same service the following children received baptism: Charles Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer; Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKee.

#### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

##### TWELFTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 31.—Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

Answer.—Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and ever liveth to make intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His word and spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Question 32.—But why art thou called a Christian.

Answer.—Because by faith I am a member of Christ, and thus a partaker of His anointing; in order that I also may confess His name; may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him; and may with free conscience fight against sin and the Devil in this life, and hereafter, in eternity, reign with Him over all creatures.

##### THIRTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 33.—Why is He called God's only begotten Son, since we also are the children of God?

Answer.—Because Christ alone is the eternal Son of God; but we are children of God by adoption through grace for His sake.

Question 34.—Why callest thou Him our Lord?

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**Answer.**—Because, not with silver or gold, but with His precious blood, He has redeemed and purchased us, body and soul, from sin and from all the power of the Devil, to be His own.

## FOURTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 35.—What is the meaning of: Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary?

**Answer.**—That the eternal Son of God, who is and continues true and eternal God, took upon Him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost: so that He also might be the true seed of David, like unto His brethren in all things, sin excepted.

Question 36.—What benefit dost thou receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**Auswer.**—That He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin wherein I was conceived.

## FIFTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 37.—What dost thou understand by the word: suffered?

**Answer.**—That all the time He lived on earth, but especially at the end of His life, He bore, in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race; in order that by His passion, as the only atoning sacrifice, He might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

Question 38.—Why did He suffer under Pontius Pilate, as judge.

**Answer.**—That He, being innocent, might be condemned by the temporal judge, and thereby deliver us from the severe judgment of God to which we are exposed.

Question 39.—Is there anything more in His having been crucified, than if He had died some other death?

**Answer.**—Yes: for thereby I am assured, that He took on Himself the curse which

lay upon me; because the death of the cross was accursed of God.

## SIXTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 40.—Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer death?

**Answer.**—Because by reason of the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise than by the death of the Son of God.

Question 41.—Why was He buried?

**Answer.**—To show thereby that He was really dead.

Question 42.—Since then Christ died for us, why must we also die?

**Answer.**—Our death is not a satisfaction for our sin, but only a dying to sins and entering into eternal life.

Question 43.—What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

**Answer.**—That by His power our old man is with Him crucified, slain and buried; that so the evil lusts of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Question 44. Why is it added: He descended into hades?

**Answer.**—That in my greatest temptations I may be assured that Christ, my Lord, by His inexpressible anguish, pains, and terrors which He suffered in His soul on the cross and before, has redeemed me from the anguish and torment of hell.

## SEVENTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 45.—What benefit do we receive from the resurrection of Christ?

**Answer.**—First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which by His death He has obtained for us. Secondly, we also are now by His power raised up to a new life. Thirdly, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

## EIGHTEENTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 46.—How dost thou understand the words: He ascended into heaven.

**Answer.**—That Christ, in sight of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven; and in our behalf there continues, until He shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Question 47.**—Is not then Christ with us even unto the end of the world, as He has promised?

**Answer.**—Christ is true Man and true God; according to His human nature, He is now not on earth; but according to His Godhead, majesty, grace, and Spirit, He is at no time absent from us.

**Question 48.**—But are not, in this way, the two natures in Christ separated from one another if the Manhood be not wherever the Godhead is?

**Answer.**—By no means; for since the Godhead is incomprehensible and everywhere present, it must follow that it is indeed beyond the bounds of the Manhood which it has assumed, but is yet none the less in the same also, and remains personally united to it.

**Question 49.**—What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

**Answer.**—First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in heaven. Secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven, as a sure pledge, that He, as the Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Thirdly, that He sends us His Spirit, as an earnest, by whose power we seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and not things on the earth.

#### NINETEENTH LORD'S DAY.

**Question 50.**—Why is it added: And sitteth at the right hand of God?

**Answer.**—Because Christ ascended into heaven for this end, that He might there appear as Head of His Church, by whom the Father governs all things.

**Question 51.**—What benefit do we receive from this glory of our Head, Christ

**Answer.**—First, that by His Holy Spirit He sheds forth heavenly gifts in us, His

members; then, that by his power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.

**Question 52.**—What comfort is it to thee, that Christ shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.

**Answer.**—That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head, I look for the self-same One, who has before offered Himself for me to the judgment of God and removed from me all curse, to come again as Judge from heaven; who shall cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but who shall take me, with all his chosen ones, to Himself, into heavenly joy and glory.

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